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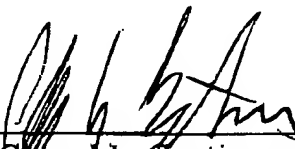
REMARKS

This supplemental amendment enters the required continuing status information into the application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(5). Applicant previously included a benefit claim in the declaration and this benefit claim as such was recognized by the Office as shown by its inclusion on the filing receipt. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a) and surcharge under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) are not necessary to correct the priority claim. See Requirements for Claiming the Benefit of Prior-Filed Applications under Eighteen-Month Publication Provisions, 66 Fed. Reg. 67087, 67089-90 (Dec. 28, 2001).

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